

### REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this patent application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims have been subjected to an election of species requirement. Claims 1-20 remain in this patent application.

In accordance with the election of species requirement set forth by the examiner, Applicant hereby elects to provisionally prosecute **Species I**, directed toward the embodiments shown in **FIGURES 2-4**. Claim 1 has been noted by the examiner as being generic, and Claims 2-5, and 8-14 are submitted to be readable upon the elected species embodiment.

In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that this patent application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and therefore, an early and favorable action is now anticipated and awaited.

It is lastly noted that this response is being filed within a period of one (1) month beyond the normal response due date, and therefore, the Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account 23-0818 in the amount of \$60.00 for a one (1) month extension of time fee for a one (1) month extension of time which is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,  
**SCHWARTZ & WEINRIEB**



---

Steven W. Weinrieb  
Attorney of Record  
Registration No. 26,520  
(703) 415-1250